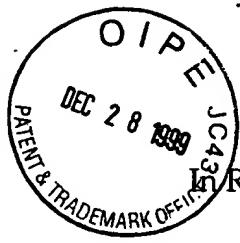


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 1999. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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